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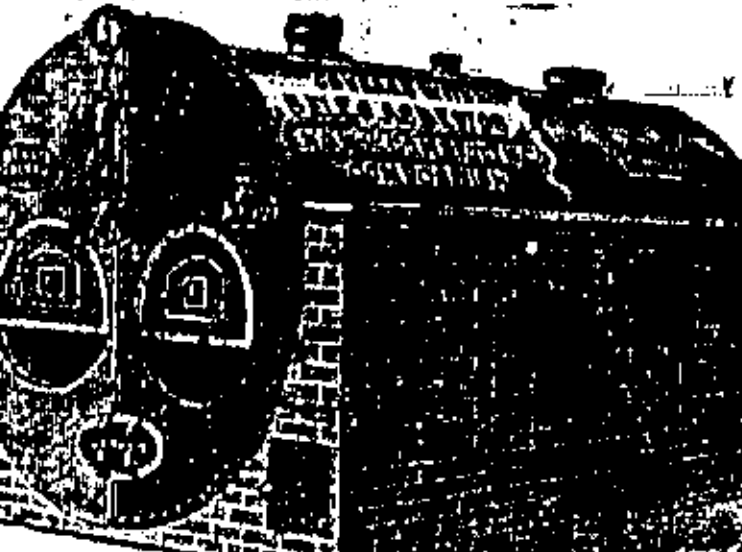
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Flor de Oriente, with tubes (ladies).....small	100		2.00
Military (gold tipped).....medium	100		2.00
Germania.....medium	100		1.80
Paris.....small	100		1.50
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Miscellaneous.  
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## General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, May 17.—2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr. F. Kiene's Sales Rooms.

3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Medical Missionary Society at College Amphitheatre, Canton.

MONDAY, May 21.—Goods per *Schmit* undelivered after 4 p.m. at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

MONDAY, May 28.—Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, May 30.—5.15 p.m.—Meeting of V.R.C. at Kowloon.

THURSDAY, June 14.—11 a.m.—Auction of Complete Cement Factory, at Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Premises, Kowloon.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1906.

## CHINA AND THE CUSTOMS.

The appointment of Tang Shao-yi and Tieh-Liang as heads of the Imperial Maritime Customs has been confirmed by Imperial Edict. This involves the certainty of diplomatic trouble. We said the other day that it was to be expected that any change in the control of China's one well-administered revenue department would be protested against by the powers which are China's creditors. Already we learn that Sir Ernest Satow and Mr. Rockhill, the Ministers for Great Britain and America respectively, have protested against the appointments on the ground that they entail the supersession of Sir Robert Hart. It may be anticipated that the other powers will support these two Ministers, although for certain reasons they may not make such a public demonstration of their disapproval. It is to be hoped that the Throne will see in time that its action has been ill-advised. Perhaps it is a salve to the national pride to think that there are native officials sufficiently able and honest to undertake the administration of this great department but it has to be remembered that, even supposing the two Chinese officials are quite equal to the demand that would be put upon their capabilities, they would have to control a very appreciable number of foreigners. Is it likely that they would succeed in carrying on operations as smoothly as under the present regime? China should not abandon the ambition to control her own affairs but she should make up her mind to make haste slowly. Her superior officials may be fit to control the great departments of state, though that is a point upon which there may fairly be a difference of opinion, but it is notorious that the lower grades of her public service are not to be trusted. The sooner she realises that the reformation of the service through-out must precede any endeavour to dispense with the uncongenial but highly necessary foreigner the better for her and everyone with whom she has relations.

## THE HEALTH OF THE COLONY.

No less than 139 pages of the last Government Gazette are devoted to reports and statistics relating to the health of the Colony. The general report of the Principal Medical Officer contains some highly interesting information in regard to the steps which are being taken to endeavour to render life in Hongkong less perilous. It may be remarked, though the report makes no reference thereto, that very often the work of public departments does not

receive the meed of appreciation it deserves, because it is not apparent to the eye. We have found it necessary on more than one occasion to point out defects in administration in regard to Sanitary matters and that we were justified in so doing is conclusively shown by the recent action of His Excellency the Governor in appointing a Commission of Inquiry. At the same time we have no desire to obscure the fact that the health authorities are doing a vast amount of good, and that the sanitary conditions of those who come after us will assuredly be vastly better than those which obtain to-day. The work of transforming a city which has grown up in such an irregular and promiscuous way as has Victoria is simply Herculean. The approach to better conditions is barred by numerous obstacles, and the goal can be but slowly approached. The greatest difficulty, naturally, in the way of securing ideal dwellings in the city, is the fact that in the past owners erected substantial buildings which were in accordance with the Government requirements of the time, but which, in the light of modern knowledge, are considered to be unhealthy. It would be hard upon such people if they were summarily ordered to pull down their buildings and erect new ones in accordance with the regulations to-day. In fact such a drastic ordinance would have little chance of adoption unless rushed through at a time of panic. However one paragraph of the Principal Medical Officer's report suggests that either there is not sufficient power under the existing law to deal with old and dilapidated houses or else that in this particular regard it is administered with unusual leniency. The report says: "As the rebuilding of a house necessitates the sacrifice of ground to be devoted to open space, owners will of course always prefer to patch the existing houses rather than rebuild." Surely this should not be a matter for the owners to decide! If a building has become absolutely dilapidated there should be power given to order its demolition whatever the preferences of the owner may be. Would it be altogether beyond the province of Government to determine the "life" of all the buildings which were constructed in the old go-as-you-please fashion? In many parts of the world the life of shipping is so determined by experts and there seems to be no reason why the principle should not be extended to houses. If this were done owners would know that they would have to provide a sinking fund for rebuilding, and they would know exactly what provision they would have to make. This would entail the minimum of hardship and would secure the transformation of the city which is so greatly to be desired, much more rapidly than is possible under the present system. During last year 48 old houses were pulled down and rebuilt, but as there are 9,537 dwelling houses in the city exclusive of barracks and police stations, this rate of progress can hardly be called alarmingly rapid. However the report shows generally that a large number of improvements have been effected and that the condition of the Colony is surely, if slowly, improving.

## LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

A race course is to be made at Tokyo.

Tsotingfu is to be connected with Peking by wireless telegraphy.

The Kobe authorities are taking every precaution against an epidemic of plague.

The Japanese have put the Chinese Eastern Railway in working order as far as Kaiyuan.

At 9.15 p.m. on the 5th inst. the inhabitants of Kobe experienced a prolonged earthquake shock.

Ten 300,000 have been raised for the building of the Hupoh section of the Canton-Hankow railway.

The Japanese Government has decided to declare Matsuru an open port, says a telegram to the *Mainichi*.

The total amount to be paid for the Seoul-Fusan and Seoul-Chemulpo lines is said to be Yen 33,820,000.

The retiring Japanese Minister has been entrusted with an autograph letter from the Empress Dowager and the Emperor to the Mikado.

The Empress Dowager presented Mrs. Uchida with a photograph of herself, and has given a portrait of herself in oils to the King of Spain as a wedding gift.

An English gentleman named R. E. Young, who attempted to reach the summit of Mount Fuji on the 25th ult. had to descend owing to ice and the extreme cold.

The V. R. C. Magazine.

The V. R. C. Magazine for May has been published. It is well above the standard and includes a good deal of original matter. "Hongkong the Hilarious" is being continued by "Wayfarer," and there is an article on yachting by "M."

Russia and Tibet.

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A race course is to be made at Tokyo.

Tsotingfu is to be connected with Peking by wireless telegraphy.

The Kobe authorities are taking every precaution against an epidemic of plague.

The Japanese have put the Chinese Eastern Railway in working order as far as Kaiyuan.

At 9.15 p.m. on the 5th inst. the inhabitants of Kobe experienced a prolonged earthquake shock.

Ten 300,000 have been raised for the building of the Hupoh section of the Canton-Hankow railway.

The Japanese Government has decided to declare Matsuru an open port, says a telegram to the *Mainichi*.

The total amount to be paid for the Seoul-Fusan and Seoul-Chemulpo lines is said to be Yen 33,820,000.

The retiring Japanese Minister has been entrusted with an autograph letter from the Empress Dowager and the Emperor to the Mikado.

The Empress Dowager presented Mrs. Uchida with a photograph of herself, and has given a portrait of herself in oils to the King of Spain as a wedding gift.

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H. E. En Shou, Governor of Shansi, has been denounced by the Peking officials on account of his conduct relating to mining matters in his province.

It is reported that the Tatar-General has declined the proposal to establish a Chinese-Japanese bank at Mukden on the ground that there are no funds in Feng-tien for such a purpose.

Addressing a conference of prefectural Governors at Tokyo, the Minister for Agriculture and Commerce said that an era of business prosperity was dawning upon the Empire.

The Russian authorities of Agriculture and Commerce intend to open a regular service between Vladivostok, Korea, Japan, and China, and also to the Straits of Tartary. The service will probably be started at the end of May.

Yokohama city will present, on the 10th inst. golden kites on silver anchors to Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura, Katakura and Dewa, and letters of thanks for their services during the war.

On the 1st of May the conductors and other employees of the Osaka-Kobe Railway struck for a bonus and more reasonable treatment at the hands of their employers. On the 4th inst. traffic was still impeded.

E. C. Elliott was proceeded against, at the Magistrate's, this afternoon, on a charge of having stolen a pair of glasses, the property of Lazarus and Company. Evidence was given to the effect that the defendant had a conversation with a friend and agreed to give him a pair of glasses. This he did and a few days later also gave him a case for them. His defence was that he bought the glasses out of his own money for \$2, their proper price being \$5. He was convicted and sentenced to three weeks' gaol.

Plague in India.

A return was laid on the table at the Sanitary Board's meeting to-day from the Secretary to the Government of India showing the number of seizures and deaths from plague during the week ended April 7. In Bombay from April 1st to 13th, there were 1944 plague seizures, of which 1736 were fatal. Mr. Hooper pointed out that the percentage of deaths seemed to be much less than in Hongkong.

Quarry Bay Market.

At a recent meeting of the Sanitary Board it was decided to recommend the erection, by the Government, of a public market at Quarry Bay. The recommendation has been submitted to His Excellency the Governor, who gave instructions that an estimate should be prepared by the P. W. D. In reply to this the Director of Public Works stated that the neighbourhood east of Messrs Butterfield and Swire's shipyard was being prepared and provision for a market would be considered in connection with it.

Stolen Sugar.

A Chinaman and his wife were arrested in a sampan, on the harbour, by the water police yesterday with about nine cwt of sugar in their possession which was suspected of having been stolen. They were brought before Mr. J. D. Melbourne, at the Magistrate's, this morning and not being able to satisfactorily explain how the sugar came into their possession were both convicted. The man was ordered to pay a fine of \$100, or go to gaol for three months, while the woman was fined \$5 with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment.

Stealing from Dead Bodies.

Inspector McKenzie prosecuted a Sanitary Board coolie, at the Magistrate's, this morning, for having a number of trinkets in his possession reasonably suspected of having been stolen. The coolie was stated to be one of a gang who were employed in removing the bodies of people who died from plague from their houses and was suspected of having stolen the trinkets from the bodies. He was convicted and ordered to pay a fine of \$75 or go to gaol for three months.

The Census.

Correspondence was submitted at this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board regarding the proposal to take a census of the Colony. The President wrote that members of the Board would see that it had been arranged to take a census on June 30 of the present year. His Excellency was of opinion that in view of the number of plague cases occurring at present it would be unwise to take the census at that date. The census had usually hitherto been taken early in the year, but that was not practicable this year owing to the date of the China New Year. He recommended that the taking of the census should be postponed until November.

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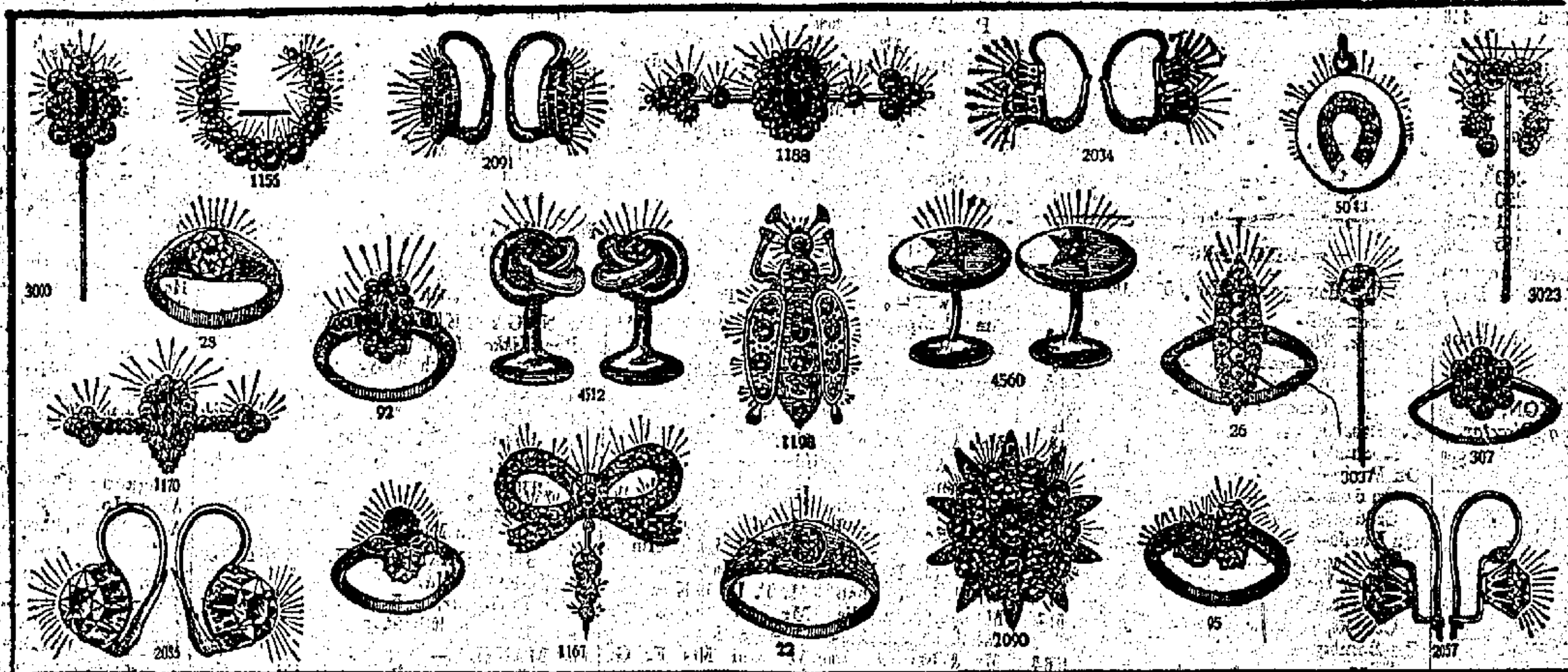
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